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BAPTIST

STATE

CONVENTION.

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### STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR :

- Programme*—J. J. Taylor and Deacons of St. Francis street Church.  
*Sabbath-schools*—W. M. Blackwelder, R. W. Beck, W. B. Carter, S. J. Catts, J. W. Dickinson.  
*Foreign Missions*—A. W. McGaha, J. P. Shaffer, H. D. D. Straton, W. J. D. Upshaw, I. A. White.  
*Home Missions*—J. H. Foster, Jr., J. M. McCord, C. W. O'Hara, Wm. A. Parker, J. L. Thompson.  
*Temperance*—T. W. Hart, L. L. Lee, P. L. Moseley, J. C. Wright, J. A. Wynne.  
*Education*—J. B. Graham, J. F. Purser, T. W. Palmer, J. H. Reeves, D. S. Martin.  
*Woman's Work*—B. A. Jackson, D. M. Ramsey, B. F. Wilson, A. T. Sims, J. M. Fortune.  
*Introductory Sermon*—W. L. Pickard ; alternate, W. H. Smith.  
*Next Session*—Mobile, November 7, 1890.

# Alabama Baptist State Convention.

## SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

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1. On Friday, November 8th, 1889, THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION assembled in Sixty-sixth Annual Session, with the Selma Baptist Church, at Selma, Alabama, at 9 o'clock A. M.

2. The Convention was called to order by the President, Jonathan Haralson.

3. Wm. A. Davis acted as Secretary.

4. Devotional exercises were conducted by T. H. Stout.

5. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

### FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

*Alabama*—G. S. Anderson, F. C. Plaster.

*Antioch*—S. M. Tucker.

*Bethel*—I. A. White, F. M. Dunaway.

*Bethel, South*—J. W. Dickinson, Wm. A. Parker, J. H. Creighton, J. H. Fendley.

*Bigbee*—R. A. Clay, J. D. Cook, J. G. Apsey, J. R. Larkin, A. J. Hearn.

*Cahaba*—T. W. Hart, J. P. Harris, L. M. Bradley, D. C. Culbreth, W. B. Jeffries, J. E. King.

*Cahaba Valley*—J. A. Glenn.

*Canaan*—R. W. Beck, G. D. Staton.

*Carey*—W. T. Davis.

*Centennial*—J. O. Hixson.

*Central*—C. J. Jackson, R. A. J. Cumbie, W. J. D. Upshaw, G. A. Sorrell, D. S. Martin.

*Concubuh*—A. T. Sims, E. P. Loveless.

*Coosa River*—J. R. Lloyd, M. H. Lane, G. A. Joiner, J. S. Kelly, M. D. Early, Catt Smith, J. C. Wright, Abner Williams.

*Elin*—W. S. Brown.

*Enfaula*—T. H. Stout, J. A. Foster, A. B. Bush.

*Harris*—W. B. Carter, George E. Brewer.

*Liberty, East*—J. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe.

*Mobile*—S. O. Y. Ray.

*Montgomery*—B. A. Jackson.

*Mulberry*—J. M. Langston.

*Muscle Shoals*—J. B. Huckabee.  
*New River*—J. E. Cox.  
*North River*—J. E. Barnard.  
*Pine Barren*—D. W. Ramsey.  
*Salem*—P. L. Moseley.  
*Selma*—J. R. Crumpton.  
*Shelby*—E. B. Teague, C. W. O'Hara.  
*Tennessee River*—L. C. Coulson, H. H. Horton.  
*Tuscaloosa*—J. E. Wilson.  
*Tuskegee*—C. W. Buck.  
*Union*—W. C. Mayes, M. B. Taylor.  
*Unity*—H. W. Cufley, P. M. Moore, J. W. Mitchell, W. N. Huckabee, W. S. Ruddick, J. R. Hooks.

#### FROM CHURCHES.

*Alexander City*—R. A. J. Cumble, C. J. Jackson, G. A. Sorrell.  
*Annisdon, Parker Memorial*—George B. Eager, Wm. A. Davis.  
*Antioch*—M. D. Langston.  
*Autburn*—W. E. Lloyd, P. H. Mell.  
*Benton*—S. J. Cutts.  
*Bethel*—G. S. Anderson, J. M. McIver.  
*Bethesda*—D. S. Martin.  
*Bethsaida*—J. E. Chambliss.  
*Blockton*—J. G. Lowery.  
*Birmingham, 1st*—W. L. Pickard, D. I. Purser.  
*Birmingham, Southside*—P. T. Hale, W. C. Ward, W. T. Smith.  
*Camp Hill*—Z. D. Roby.  
*Carrollton*—C. Johnson.  
*Centre Ridge*—J. P. Melton, J. H. Williamson, Joseph Swink.  
*Childersburg*—Cutt Smith.  
*Columbia*—W. M. Burr.  
*Crawford*—S. W. Harris.  
*Cuba*—R. A. Clay.  
*Elyton*—W. W. Harris.  
*Ebenezer*—J. M. McCord.  
*Eufaula*—J. C. Hiden, T. H. Stout, J. D. Godwin, C. L. Boyd, J. H. Reeves.  
*Evergreen*—John W. Stewart.  
*Fellowship*—J. R. Hooks.  
*Fort Williams*—W. S. Henderson.  
*Farman*—D. Palmer, W. M. Purifoy.  
*Gadsden*—J. A. Wynne.  
*Grant's Creek*—John C. Foster.  
*Greenville*—B. H. Crumpton, W. R. Martin.  
*Harmony*—A. J. Ivie.  
*Hoboken*—Wm. A. Parker.  
*Huntsville*—W. H. Smith.  
*Jacksonville*—M. H. Lane.  
*Jemison*—A. E. Burns.  
*Lebanon*—T. B. Ferguson.  
*Lacington*—W. G. Curry.  
*Lincville*—W. T. Davis.  
*McKindry*—I. A. White.  
*Montgomery, Adams St.*—J. L. Thompson, George W. Ellis.  
*Montgomery, 1st.*—M. B. Wharton, E. M. Cook, J. G. Harris, W. R. Ivey.

- Mobile, Palmetto St.*—S. O. Y. Ray.  
*Mobile, St. Francis St.*—J. J. Taylor, A. P. Bush, T. G. Bush, J. C. Bush.  
*Monterallo*—W. C. Cleveland.  
*Mount Lebanon*—R. E. Lindsay.  
*Mount Pleasant*—J. Q. Lipscomb.  
*Mount Zion*—J. C. Lee.  
*North Port*—W. M. Blackwelder.  
*Notasulga*—E. F. Baber.  
*Oceville*—B. F. Ellis.  
*Oxford*—Abner Williams, W. D. Snow, B. D. Williams.  
*Pisgah*—B. F. Garrison.  
*Pine Apple*—J. M. Cane, W. J. Elliott, Wm. G. Hix.  
*Pine Flat*—E. P. George, J. M. McCullough.  
*Pleasant Hill*—J. E. Cox.  
*Pleasant Hill (Dalias County)*—U. J. Crumpton, S. J. Catts.  
*Phenix City*—W. B. Carter.  
*Ramah*—B. A. Jackson.  
*Renfroe*—F. G. Mullen.  
*Rahama*—A. W. McGaha.  
*Salom*—N. C. Underwood.  
*Selma*—J. W. Hudson, H. S. D. Mallory, Law Lamar, M. A. Keith, J. W. Stillwell.  
*Shiloh*—D. B. Edwards.  
*Silam*—H. D. D. Staton, J. B. Lovelace, J. E. Frazier, L. L. Lee, W. B. Crumpton.  
*Spring Bank*—S. M. Tucker.  
*Sunderville*—C. S. Ray.  
*Sylacauga*—A. Hall.  
*Talladega*—J. B. Graham, B. F. Wilson, J. S. McCants.  
*Town Creek*—J. M. Fortune.  
*Troy, 1st*—John F. Purser.  
*Tuskegee*—G. A. Hornady.  
*Tuskaloosa*—J. T. Yerby, T. W. Palmer, F. S. Moody, D. M. Ramsey.  
*Union*—H. T. Stringfellow.  
*Union Springs*—J. H. Foster, Jr.  
*Wetumpka*—R. M. Hunter.  
*Woodlawn*—T. J. Mason, S. R. C. Adams, G. D. Staton, J. T. Hood.

## FROM SOCIETIES.

- Ann Hasseltine Society of Jackson Institute*—T. T. Daughdrill.  
*Ladies' Aid Society, Oxford*—Abner Williams.

## LIFE MEMBERS.

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| A. P. Bush,      | C. C. Huckabee, | E. B. Tague,     |
| W. C. Cleveland, | Porter King,    | I. T. Tichenor,  |
| J. C. Foster,    | L. W. Lawler,   | W. Wilkes,       |
| Jon. Haralson,   | J. B. Lovelace, | W. W. Wilkerson. |
| S. Henderson,    | W. T. Smith,    |                  |

## 6. The following officers were elected, to-wit:

- JONATHAN HARALSON, President.  
 J. C. BUSH, 1st Vice-President.  
 J. A. FOSTER, 2d Vice-President.  
 WM. A. DAVIS, Secretary.



7. George W. Ellis was appointed Assistant Secretary.

8. Correspondents were received as follows :

*American Baptist Publication Society*—C. C. Bitting, F. J. Paxon.  
*Foreign Mission Board*—T. P. Bell, W. C. Bledsoe.  
*Home Mission Board*—I. T. Tichenor, A. J. Diaz, G. S. Anderson.  
*Georgia Convention*—J. K. Jenkins, J. B. Hawthorne.  
*Kentucky Convention*—W. P. Harvey.  
*Tennessee Convention*—A. J. Dickinson.  
*Florida Convention*—W. S. Brown, A. J. Diaz.  
*Virginia General Association*—J. M. Frost.  
*Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*—Basil Manly.  
*The Alabama Baptist*—C. W. Hare.

9. Correspondents were returned as follows :

*Florida Convention*—B. A. Jackson, J. W. Stewart, G. E. Brewer, Z. D. Roby, T. H. Stont, J. H. Foster, B. H. Crumpton.  
*Georgia Convention*—T. H. Stont, W. B. Carter, M. H. Lane, G. E. Brewer, R. A. J. Cumble, C. W. Buck, J. A. Wynne, J. O. Hixson, H. D. D. Straton.  
*Mississippi Convention*—D. I. Purser, W. A. Parker, A. J. Hearn, S. O. Y. Ray, J. M. Langston, J. E. Cox.  
*Tennessee Convention*—L. C. Coulson, M. D. Early, P. Brown, F. C. Hester, S. R. C. Adams, D. I. Purser, H. H. Horton, J. P. Shaffer, J. A. Wynne, G. D. Staton.  
*Kentucky Convention*—F. C. Plaster, C. W. Buck, P. T. Hale.

10. A communication was read from Rev. C. L. Puree, President of Selma University, inviting the Convention to send a committee to visit that institution, and on motion of L. C. Coulson, a committee consisting of L. C. Coulson, D. I. Purser, A. B. Bush, J. W. Dickinson, and J. B. Graham, was appointed to make the visit.

11. On motion of J. M. Frost, it was voted that Saturday's session be held in chapel of Judson Institute, at Marion, beginning at 10 A. M., the Convention accepting the invitation for a complimentary excursion to view the Judson's new building.

12. On motion of T. G. Bush, the courtesies of the floor were extended to the pastors of other denominations of the city of Selma.

13. An address of welcome on behalf of the Selma church was made by H. S. D. Mallory, to which E. B. Teague replied for the Convention.

14. C. C. Bitting, Bible Secretary, addressed the Convention regarding the methods and intentions of the American Baptist Publication Society.

15. The report of the State Mission Board was read by W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, as follows:

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The year 1888-89 has been one of hardship and privation to the missionaries under our appointment.

The failure of crops in many sections of the State, the high prices for provisions, and the shrinkage in values of real estate, have been very much against the cause of benevolence. In addition to this a strange providence permitted the destruction of the Judson Female Institute, and the call which was made for funds to rebuild it, coupled with the strenuous efforts put forth by the friends of Howard College to raise the deficit in the salaries of the faculty, all joined to make it a hard year on Mission Boards and missionaries. We have found that efforts to raise money for special purposes most frequently have a demoralizing effect on the general enterprises of the denomination. This is a point which needs to be specially guarded by all pastors and agents. Special objects should not be allowed to interfere with the general work.

We are happy to say now, however, that the harvest of 1889 has been abundant. The products of the farm have brought good prices and provisions have been cheap. The people are more hopeful and liberal. We have been able to close the year practically without debt. Some missionaries have not been paid, but we have about money enough to pay them.

NEW RAILROADS

are constantly being built in our State, and the people are moving and settling in counties along their lines. The inhabitants of these places come from all quarters, many from the rural districts of our own State; some of them from adjoining States, and some are foreigners. While the politician, the capitalist and tradesman consider how to organize and utilize them for profit to themselves and their parties, we should look after their spiritual interests—furnishing them with that gospel which will make them wise unto salvation. We will thus be able to serve the country best, win the approval of our own consciences and the smiles and benedictions of our Master. These new centres require settled pastors who give themselves wholly to the work of the ministry, and men with education.

People are to be commended for wishing pastors who can instruct them. The time has passed, in the progressive regions of our State, when ignorant men will be sought for as pastors. But many times we have serious trouble about the degree of culture and preaching ability required for certain localities. In the stead of being content with an earnest work and a fair preacher, many of our churches which are able to pay only a small salary will remain without a preacher for months in the vain hope of securing one of more distinguished abilities and such as they are not able to procure. The Board cannot send a man to

a church -- the church may be ever so needy, the town may be growing, the cause suffering and the Board is expected to furnish no small part of the salary, but nothing can be done till the church makes a call, and frequently after the long delay, the one chosen is not adapted to the field; in such cases the cause must continue to suffer. In some of our flourishing towns, the Baptist cause has been greatly retarded in the past year for the reason just mentioned.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

The associations which insist on doing mission work in their own bounds, sometimes with and sometimes without the co-operation of the Board, may be divided into three classes:

First, Associations which have real destitution.

Second, Associations which have no destitution, but will not allow any funds raised by them to be applied elsewhere, and who employ one or more men by the day until the funds are exhausted.

Third, Associations which have no destitution, but whose pastors and churches feel the necessity of hiring an evangelist who shall serve a few of the weak churches on Sundays, and in the summer aid in their protracted meetings.

We recommend to this latter class the employment of a missionary and colporteur to travel among the churches, visit the people in their homes and make sales of religious books.

The second class are only trifling with the mission question, and we are not surprised to find many of them really anti-missionary. Of course when people give their means and see it wasted they will cease to give, and become enemies to the mission cause.

The first class need help and should have it. But your Board finds itself confronted with a serious trouble in its attempts to aid them.

If there are growing towns in the bounds of such associations, it is difficult to persuade the brethren that there is destitution in such centers. A preacher may meet twenty persons in the day there when he would meet one in the country; the prospects may be favorable to the early establishment of a self-sustaining church by extending aid promptly, while the country holds out no such promise; but the brethren insist that the country is the more important. Or, if all are agreed that the towns should be aided, we are often met with the suggestion, that the towns can get along with monthly preaching by a man coming from a distance to serve them, as is the case in the country. On account of these troubles growing out of a lack of agreement with the brethren of the associations as to where the work should be done, your Board finds itself sometimes forced to undertake the work alone. As illustrative we may mention one instance of a case where there are several large towns, ranging from one to two thousand inhabitants in the bounds of a large association, yet to this time there has been no effort on the part of the association to supply them with preaching; only one or two ministers have attempted to do anything. It would be unwise, in such instances, to allow this state of affairs longer to exist. Pastors and churches at this day rarely attempt a mission of their own, by personal effort. Where points of interest are found, the members of our churches ought to be encouraged to start a mission Sunday-school, with occasional preaching by neighboring pastors. Should the time arrive when it is deemed wise to organize a church, it will then be proper to ask aid from the State Mission Board.

Nothing will so develop our membership as work in these mission schools.

## ANOTHER YEAR.

At our July meeting, we agreed to attempt to raise for the coming year,

For State Missions.....	\$15,000
For Home Missions.....	6,000
For Foreign Missions.....	6,000
For Bible and Colportage.....	2,000
For Indigent Ministers.....	1,000

Making a total of..... \$30,000

This amount was carefully apportioned among the different associations. So far as heard from, all of these bodies have accepted the amounts suggested and agreed to try to raise them. Before the meetings of the associations the Corresponding Secretary had fifteen thousand copies of the State Mission Annual printed as a supplement to the Alabama Baptist, the editors kindly charging about cost for the sheet. These were circulated one to each subscriber and a package was sent to each Moderator and Clerk of the associations. In addition to this, minutes of the State and Southern Baptist Convention were sent to the Chairmen of the several committees in the associations. Our Secretary, co-operating with the Vice-Presidents of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, selected men in each association to represent the three Boards, and they were furnished with literature to aid them in making their reports.

At no time in the history of the Board has the work before the associations been so thoroughly organized and as far as heard from most of the brethren served as requested.

## CANVASSING BOOKS.

In connection with the envelope system, which is growing in favor, the Secretary has had prepared a church canvassing book. It is believed that if the pastors will introduce these into their churches, the contributions will be greatly enlarged, and the number of individual contributors greatly increased. It is a sad fact that the masses of our church members do not give anything. The main reason is because they are not asked. This book, in the hands of an active canvasser, will give members an opportunity to promise some amount, there being a page for each member.

## SUMMARY OF WORK.

Men employed.....	53
Miles traveled.....	34,800
Sermons delivered.....	3,587
Addresses made.....	1,237
Churches constituted.....	14
Number of persons baptized.....	345
Baptized by others in connection with their labors.....	430
Received by letter.....	547
Restored.....	54
Sunday-schools organized.....	54
Sunday-schools addressed.....	227
Ladies Mission Societies organized.....	10
Prayer Meetings organized.....	82
Prayer Meetings held.....	800

Number of preaching stations without churches.....	132
Number of churches visited.....	581
Number of visits made.....	7,961
Number of subscribers to the Alabama Baptist.....	115
Number of subscribers to Foreign Mission Journal.....	58
Value of books sold.....	\$ 3,800
Pages of tracts distributed.....	7,103
Meeting houses commenced.....	16
Meeting houses finished.....	5
Money collected for meeting houses.....	\$ 11,072

#### BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

The Baptist Book and Bible Depository at Marion has done a fair business and is growing in favor with the people. The sales for the year amount to \$3,800.00. A small profit is added to our fund from every purchase of books, except where they are let out to colporteurs, and this with the contributions voluntarily given us, has more than paid the expenses of the business; so that we are able to report the fund still intact, or nearly so—that is, the money and books in hand and the amount due for books are about equal to the funds entrusted to us. We are frank to say, however, that we fear some of the old debts will not be collected. Yet, with an organized effort to increase the colportage funds by contributions, we are sure the next year, we will be able to enlarge our work and increase its efficiency.

It has been demonstrated that an active man, whose heart is in the work, can sell the books where the people have the money. It is a work with which our most enlightened pastors are in hearty sympathy, and which they will be prompt to commend to their people.

Our experience convinces us,

*First*—We cannot conduct this business on the credit system.

*Second*—The profits on books are not sufficient to furnish a living to the agents.

Therefore, we must have funds sufficient to enable us to pay a small salary and make a few donations of books. It will be important for the proper conduct of this enterprise, for the denomination to supply us with at least \$2,000.

At a meeting of the Board just held, the following resolution was passed. "That the State Mission Board, recognizing the great need of Bible and colportage work in the State, do refer it to the Convention, to determine if a separate Board for the prosecution of this work ought not now to be established, and in connection with this reference we recommend that such Board be established at this session to be known as the Bible and Colportage Board."

In this connection we gratefully mention

#### THE AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

They have generously donated to us in the past year over two hundred dollars (\$200) worth of Bibles and Testaments for gratuitous distribution among the destitute, and have lately set apart for us, \$500 worth of books and Bibles, which we are at liberty to call for at any time. We are gratified that many of our Sunday-schools and some of our churches are observing "Bible Day" appointed by the Society, and forwarding to Philadelphia their collections, to aid in the distribution of the Word of God.

## MISSION MEETINGS.

We cannot too earnestly recommend to the Executive Committees of associations the appointment of at least two missionary meetings each year. If these meetings could be held two or three days, not to include a Sunday, and it were desired, the Secretary could assist in arranging a suitable programme, and attend or procure the attendance of competent brethren, and thus get before the representative men of the churches, in its varied phases, the whole mission question.

## THE HOME MISSION BOARD,

recognizing our pressing necessities, very generously appropriated \$2,000.00 for which we return grateful acknowledgments. This aid was most timely; it has enabled us to relieve the wants of some of our patient missionaries, who had been indulging us, and it will also enable us to enlarge our plan of operations.

One feature of this co-operative work is of great importance and deserves special mention, that among the COLORED PEOPLE. We have been greatly concerned and perplexed to know what we could best do for them.

It was not deemed wise to send out a missionary or evangelist; and we were without the means to accomplish much for the education of their young ministers. It is believed that the best thing has been done in the employment of a brother, jointly with the Home Mission Board, to hold institutes with their ministers, Sunday-school teachers and deacons. To discuss before and with their leaders the cardinal doctrines of the Bible, missions, Sunday-schools, church work, etc., is the surest and speediest way to indoctrinate the masses. Brother Plaster, employed by this joint agency, has done commendable work in this direction. Pastors may very greatly aid us in this important enterprise by conferences with the colored pastors and arranging for the meetings. Some of our white brethren, who have attended these meetings, have been greatly edified, and have expressed desire that similar meetings might be held for the whites.

## DECEASED MEMBER.

Since our last meeting Brother A. J. Slaughter, a member of this Board, has gone to his reward. Though he has never attended a meeting of our Board, we gratefully record the value of his services in all our church and Board enterprises.

## DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Alabama was entitled, by our contributions to Home and Foreign Missions last year, to thirty-two delegates. In addition to these, twenty-five associations had representatives by their own election. We believe the new plan of allowing one representative from each association, to be a good one, and we call attention to the provision in the constitution requiring that, these delegates shall be formally elected by the association, and the election certified to the Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, as important to be complied with.

## WOMAN'S WORK.

Contributions have from time to time been made by Woman's Aid and Mission Societies for the different objects of the Board. These

societies have no central organization in Alabama as exists in most of the other States. Their contributions have come from individual societies and no separate account has been kept of them. Without venturing the suggestion of a plan of organization, we desire to acknowledge the valuable assistance derived from such sources. )

Accompanying this report the financial statement will be found.

W. B. CHUMPTON,  
Corresponding Secretary.

*Financial Report of the State Mission Board for the year*  
1888-89, Sixteen months.

STATE MISSIONS.

To balance at last report.....	\$ 933 32	
" amount received.....	11,970 70	
Total amount to date.....		12,904 02
By amount paid missionaries.....	8,019 20	
" Secretary's salary for twelve months.....	1,500 00	
" " " four " .....	500 00	
" Traveling expenses Cor. Secretary.....	418 73	
" " " special agents.....	125 22	
" Amount paid Clerk hire.....	393 30	
" Pro rata Convention printing.....	95 02	
" Amount paid expense account, including stationery, printing, exchange, express, office expenses, etc., etc .....	525 08	
By balance on hand.....	1,327 47	\$12,904

HOME MISSIONS.

To amount at last report.....	62 72	
" " received .....	3,500 11	3,562 83
" Balance Cuban missions.....	15 68	
" Amount received, Cuban missions.....	210 89	226 57
" " " for Havana church .....		197 03
" " " " Cuban church .....		52 00
" " " " Havana cemetery.....		1 05
" " " " Indian missions.....		1 10
		4,040 58
By amount paid Home missions.....	2,676 69	
" " " Cuban missions.....	226 57	
" " " Havana church.....	197 03	
" " " Havana cemetery.....	1 05	
" " " Cuban school .....	52 00	
" " " Indian missions .....	1 10	
Balance on hand.....	886 14	\$4,040 58

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To balance at last report.....	129 63	
" Amount received.....	4,833 84	
Total amount to date.....		4,963 47

To amount received Zacatecas mission.....		181 45
" " " for Italian chapel.....		69 25
" " " for Japan mission.....		16 00
" " " for China mission.....		59 93
" " " for Mexican mission.....		54 26
" " last rep't for M.T. Yates Mem. Fund	2 80	
" " received for M.T. Yates Mem. Fund	11 30	14 10
		<u>\$5,358 46</u>

By amount paid Foreign missions.....	4,963 47	
" " " Zacatecas mission.....	181 45	
" " " Italian chapel.....	69 25	
" " " Japan mission.....	16 00	
" " " China mission.....	59 88	
" " " Mexican mission.....	54 26	
" " " Yates Mem. Fund.....	14 10	
Balance on hand.....	05	5,358 46

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To balance last report.....	30 66	
" Amount received.....	530 28	560 94
" " last report for Min. Ed., special.....	18 00	
" " received for Min. Ed., special.....	29 84	47 84
" " last report for Min. Ed., colored.....	37 05	
" " received for Min. Ed., colored.....	9 05	46 10
Total amount for Min. Ed.....		654 88
By amount paid.....		654 88

## ENDOWMENT OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

To balance last report.....	11 00
By amount paid.....	11 00

## INDIGENT MINISTERS.

To balance last report.....	166 43	
" Amount received.....	352 07	518 50
By amount paid.....	174 44	
Balance on hand.....	344 06	518 50

## CHURCH BUILDING IN ALABAMA.

To amount on hand, report.....	19 30	
" " received.....	64 80	
" " overpaid.....	5 35	89 45
By amount paid.....		89 45

## BIBLE WORK AM. BAP. PUB. SOCIETY.

To balance at last report.....	12 90	
" Amount received.....	53 87	66 77
By amount paid.....		66 77



## GRATUITOUS TRACT FUND.

To balance last report.....	8 76	
" Amount received.....	3 25	12 01
By amount paid.....	7 63	
Balance on hand.....	4 38	12 01

## CHURCH BUILDING BOARD.

To amount received.....		7 00
By amount paid.....	6 10	
Balance on hand.....	90	7 00

## BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

To balance at last report.....	44 43	
" Contributions, general fund.....	323 40	
" Balance permanent fund, last report.....	2,400 36	
" Contributions for permanent fund.....	25 40	2,793 59
By amount books in Secretary's hands.....	1,008 96	
" " " " hands colporteurs & others	990 74	
" " " donated.....	55 69	
" Loss on Dougherty fund.....	33 71	
" Clerk hire.....	203 07	
" Expense account, which includes express, freight and drayage, printing, stationery and office expenses.....	501 42	2,793 59
Balance on hand.....	359 34	

## JUDSON INSTITUTE BUILDING FUND.

To amount received.....		726 00
By " paid.....	718 43	
" " on hand.....	7 66	726 00

## RECAPITULATION.

State missions.....	\$11,970 70	
Home missions.....	3,062 18	
Foreign missions.....	5,226 03	
Ministerial Education.....	569 17	
Howard College.....	26 60	
Indigent Ministers.....	352 07	
Church Buildings in Alabama.....	64 80	
Bible Work, American Baptist Publication Society.....	53 87	
Gratuitous Tract Fund.....	3 25	
Bible and Colportage.....	348 80	
Church Building Board.....	7 00	
Judson Institute Building.....	726 09	
Total.....		\$23,310 56

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing accounts of W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer

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of the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

A. J. GOODWIN, Auditor.

*Selma, Ala., Nov. 8, 1889.*

On motion of W. C. Cleveland, a committee consisting of E. B. Teague, Z. D. Roby, D. W. Ramsey, J. L. Thompson, and N. C. Underwood, was appointed to consider suggestion in foregoing report regarding appointment of a new Board to be known as the Bible and Colportage Board.

16. The report of Board of Ministerial Education was read by M. B. Wharton, President, as follows:

The Board of Ministerial Education submits this its third annual report, with thankfulness to God, for the blessings he has bestowed on our labors. With innumerable other objects before our people, that great work, ministerial education, so dear to the hearts of Baptists, has not been neglected.

We have worked very hard, and, besides urging collections through the press, have made nearly a thousand private appeals which have required both time and labor. We trust that our brethren are sufficiently acquainted with the importance and needs of the work to relieve us of this extra work.

As the time of meeting of our Convention was changed from July to November, this report embraces a longer period than before, and includes one whole session, and part of another.

The following general financial statement is accompanied by the report of the Treasurer, in which every item of receipts and disbursements is put down:

Cash on hand at last report.....	\$1,014.39
Amount received during conventional year, (period of sixteen months).....	2,497.90
Total.....	\$3,512.29

CREDITS.

By amount paid for session 1888 and 1889.....	\$2,439.33
	1,072.96
Amount paid out on present session 1889 and 1890.....	976.34
	96.62

Of this balance \$76.23 are designated for colored students, leaving only \$20.39 on hand for our own work, with four students at the Theological Seminary, and several other applicants unprovided for.

We need for obligations already incumbent this year \$2,000, and for other applicants that will come in \$1,000 more, making \$3,000 additional asked for during next Conventional year. While we are carrying a larger number of students this session than formerly, our expenses, per student, are greatly increased at Howard College. While we paid two years ago \$105 per student, we now pay \$130. This step was taken on recommendation of the Board of Trustees, and grew out of the financial pressure there, and the fact that the college was losing money at the former rates for beneficiaries.

We have aided students the past session as follows: Eighteen at Howard, four at the Seminary, and three at High School; total, twenty-five.

We are aiding students the present session as follows: Twenty-two at Howard, four at Seminary, two at High School; total, twenty-eight.

On the earnest recommendation of the Board of Trustees of Howard College we paid the past session \$200 to the "deficiency fund."

We have been greatly pressed for funds to meet the demands upon us, and for this reason have been unusually urgent in our appeals, but our brethren, especially during the past few weeks, have responded liberally.

We trust that this sympathy for, and co-operation with the Board, will continue, and then there will be no doubt about our going safely through. Our work is beset with many trials and difficulties. We make the utmost endeavors to aid only such young men as are earnestly recommended by the most competent authorities, but it is not impossible that we may be imposed on.

As a rule our beneficiaries will compare favorably with the students of any college in the country.

We trust that no association, church, or individual member will fail to aid us in this important work, on which the success of our denomination so largely depends.

We wish it understood that we make no difference in our efforts to help, whether the students are in the High School, the College, or the Seminary, excepting the consideration that the greatest number being connected with Howard College, and most of the contributions being designed therefor, we are compelled to give special attention to that institution.

With the continual support of the churches, and pastors we hope to do the work committed to our hands to the satisfaction of all.

Respectfully submitted,

M. B. WHARTON,  
President Board of Ministerial Education.

*The Board of Ministerial Education of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, in account with Geo. W. Ellis, Secretary and Treasurer, from July 9, 1888, to November 6, 1889.*

By balance as per last report:

General fund.....	\$	927	21	
Students at seminary.....		10	00	
Education colored ministers.....		77	18	\$1,014 39

By amounts received:

From W. B. Crump- { General fund.....	\$	538	93	
ton, Cor. Sec'y: { Students' fund at semin'y		3	50	
{ Education col'd ministers		9	50	
Pine Barren Association.....		65	40	
Weaver's Station church, Coosa River Ass'n		10	00	
Coosa River Association.....		31	90	
Oxford church, Coosa River Association.....		12	45	
J. S. Kelly, Coosa River Association.....		10	00	
Harris Association .....		37	58	

Second church, Birmingham.....	10 00
Shelby Association.....	23 49
Fellowship church, per W. J. Ruddick.....	22 40
Rock Mills Association.....	2 30
Central Association.....	94 60
Mt. Lebanon church, per G. E. Brewer.....	10 65
W. R. Ivey, on college board.....	15 00
Union Association.....	63 50
Montgomery Association.....	8 40
B. M. Bean, Montgomery Association.....	9 00
Deatsville church, Montgomery Association.....	5 00
Mt. Zion church, Montgomery Association.....	5 00
Pine Level church, Montgomery Association.....	16 50
Verberna church, per H. W. Caffey.....	23 80
Verberna Sunday-school, per H. W. Caffey.....	3 70
Chalybeate Springs church, per J. L. Jones.....	1 10
Providence church, Selma Association.....	37 00
Orrville church, Selma Association.....	21 00
Adams street church, Montgomery.....	20 50
First church, Troy.....	5 00
Enfaula Association.....	57 70
Dadeville Sunday-school.....	5 00
Dadeville church.....	15 00
Providence church, per W. C. Bledsoe.....	6 30
Snow Hill church, per J. E. Chambliss.....	17 50
Prattville church, Montgomery Association.....	19 00
First church, Wetumpka.....	10 20
Mt. Pleasant church, per Jno. W. Jones.....	12 50
Post Oak Spr'gs church, per P. A. Easterwood.....	5 00
Tallahatchee church, per Mrs. F. A. Fariss.....	5 00
C. W. Morrison, Pratt Mines.....	2 60
Mt. Carmel church, Unity Association.....	8 50
Jemison church, per A. E. Burns.....	25 00
W. J. Elliott for a Christian lady.....	10 00
Chestnut Creek church, per A. E. Burns.....	5 00
Pleasant Grove church, per J. B. Appleton.....	2 25
Philadelphia church, per B. J. Skinner.....	23 55
Plantersville church, per D. M. Martin.....	15 00
Montevallo church, per T. J. Williams.....	17 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Montevallo church.....	18 00
Dannasens church, per B. H. Crompton.....	4 50
Brooklyn church, per B. H. Crompton.....	7 50
Clanton church, per W. L. Sampey.....	8 00
Brewton church, per Harry Henderson.....	6 55
Brewton Sunday-school, Harry Henderson.....	5 50
Coosa Valley church, per Leafis Law.....	5 00
Mt. Zion church, per C. L. Eiland.....	1 25
Hillsboro church, per Jos. Shackleford.....	5 00
Mulberry church, per A. E. Burns.....	4 00
A. E. Burns, Jemison.....	1 00
B. F. Brown, on note.....	35 00
B. F. Brown, on Furniture, etc.....	14 50
Autauga church, per W. J. Ruddick.....	1 00
Corynth church, per T. M. Melton.....	2 50
Misses Anderson, Uniontown.....	5 00
Livingston church, per W. G. Curry.....	10 00
Livingston Sunday-school, per W. G. Curry.....	10 00

Catt Smith, Childersburg.....	25
Pleasant Grove church, per Catt Smith .....	1 40
Bethlehem church, per T. H. Stout.....	2 05
Union church, per T. H. Stout .....	2 45
Centre Ridge church, per T. H. Stout.....	5 25
Ashville church, per J. A. Glenn.....	5 00
Wilsonville church, per J. M. McCord.....	3 70
Ebenezer church, per J. M. McCord.....	5 49
J. M. McCord, Stanton.....	5 00
Bellville church, per Skinner & Stamps. ....	15 45
Valley Creek church, per J. B. Gay.....	2 90
Bethesda church, per D. S. Martin.....	1 00
Shiloh church, per D. S. Martin.....	1 35
County Line church, per D. S. Martin.....	2 10
Harmony church, per D. S. Martin.....	70
Evergreen church, per M. N. Ethridge.....	6 05
Hill's church, per J. C. Kelly.....	2 60
A. J. Lambert, Monroe county.....	6 00
Sumterville church, per J. D. Cook.....	14 50
“ Sunday-school, per J. D. Cook...	5 00
York church, per J. D. Cook.....	10 00
Cuba church, per J. D. Cook.....	15 70
Gainesville church, per J. D. Cook.....	3 00
Fredonia church, per J. P. Hunter.....	1 00
Ft. Williams church, per M. S. Bennett.....	3 50
Woodlawn church, per F. M. Wood.....	13 50
A. Andrews, Burnsville.....	10 00
Horeh church, per J. N. Creighton.....	2 20
Friendship church, per F. A. Curtis.....	1 00
Salem church, per W. J. D. Upshaw.....	1 00
Central Institute ch. per W. J. D. Upshaw..	2 00
Eclectic church, per W. J. D. Upshaw.....	4 00
Myrtlewood church, per Mrs. S. L. Poelnitz..	2 25
First church, Eufaula.....	75 00
Talladega church.....	25 00
St. Francis St. church, Mobile.....	171 00
Mt. Olive church, per W. Wilkes.....	8 25
Town Creek ch., per Mrs. T. K. Whitman...	2 40
L. B. So. Town Creek ch. “ “ ..	10 10
Big Creek church, per M. G. Lofton.....	1 20
Zion church, per G. M. Lofton.....	1 80
Good Hope church, per S. M. Johnson.....	2 30
Jno. P. Shaffer, Roanoke.....	10 00
Georgiana church, per J. E. Bell.....	3 00
Blount church.....	3 35
Oxuma church.....	2 75
Mt. Hebron Church, per J. M. Johnson.....	5 00
J. H. Marbury, Bozeman.....	25 00
Ukonush church, per J. Fosenc.....	5 30
Rocky Mt. church, per W. B. Owings.....	3 00
J. A. Sartain, on note.....	50 00
East Liberty Association.....	96 73
Demopolis church, per G. W. Bolton.....	1 00
“ “ per W. B. Crumpton.....	4 00
Roanoke church, per J. P. Shaffer.....	10 00
Oswichee church, per R. A. Stratford.....	5 46
Seale church, per W. A. Bellamy.....	3 60

Levi W. Lawler, Mobile.....	\$ 10 00	
Mrs. Willie D. Burns, Selma.....	2 50	
Beulah church, Central Association.....	2 50	
Sand Tuck church, Central Association.....	5 00	
W. J. Johnson, Central Association .....	2 50	
Alabama Association.....	62 00	
Canaan Association.....	28 00	
Hamilton Hill ch., Bethlehem Association...	5 00	
Siloam church, per W. B. Crumpton.....	47 81	
S. S. Siloam church, per W. B. Crumpton...	5 00	
“ “ “ Students' Friend.....	26 34	
Twelfth Street church, Anniston .....	25 00	
Huntsville church, per W. B. Crumpton.....	25 00	
South Side church, Birmingham.....	26 10	
First Church, Birmingham.....	19 37	3,512 29

To amounts disbursed as follows:

Howard College, board of ministerial students, session 1888-89 .....	1307 75	
Howard College, deficit for the session 1888-89 .....	200 00	
Seminary Students' fund for the session 1888-89 .....	200 00	
J. L. Jones, Howard College .....	100 00	
W. W. Harris, “ “ .....	65 00	
W. A. Hobson, “ “ .....	25 00	
A. S. Smith, “ “ .....	97 73	
J. W. Mitchell, Six Mile High School .....	90 00	
J. J. Pipkin and J. F. Sims, Ft. Deposit High School.....	62 00	
Paid assistance writing appeals.....	60 00	
Railroad fare members attending Board meeting, .....	5 45	
Railroad fare members and other representatives attending associations.....	26 55	
Stationery, stamps and printing.....	35 80	
Exchange, money orders and registration fees.....	3 55	
Services of Secretary and Treasurer from July 1, 1888, to November 1, 1889.....	150 00	
W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, expenses incurred on account colored students' fund .....	10 50	
Howard College, board of ministerial students, session 1889-90.....	950 00	
Students' fund at the Seminary, session 1889-90, from S. S. Siloam church.....	26 34	3,415 67
Leaving balance on hand of general fund,....	16 89	
Students' fund at seminary .....	3 50	
Education colored ministers.....	76 23	96 62

I hereby certify that the foregoing account is correct.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. ELLIS,

Sec. & Treasurer, Board of Ministerial Education.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 6, 1889.

17. Committees were announced as follows :

*Nomination of Boards and Remaining Officers*—T. H. Stout, J. T. Fitzgerald, J. B. Graham, A. B. Johnson, A. P. Bush.

*Devotional Exercises*—Pastor and deacons of Selma church.

*Finance*.—G. A. Joiner, W. P. Welch, C. Johnson, J. H. Reeves, J. B. Huckabee.

And there were added to Standing Committees to fill vacancies :

*Sabbath-Schools*—J. P. Harris, W. G. Hix.

*Temperance*—C. S. Ray, A. T. Sims.

*Education*—W. E. Lloyd, J. M. McCord, J. G. Harris, I. A. White.

18. On motion of Wm. A. Davis, the Statistical Table and List of Ministers were omitted from printed minutes, inquirers being referred to Baptist Year Book for such information.

19. T. P. Bell, Assistant Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, addressed the Convention on the work of that board.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

20. Devotional exercises were conducted by B. A. Jackson.

21. On motion of T. H. Stout, a committee consisting of T. H. Stout, T. G. Bush, and J. T. Fitzgerald, was appointed on time and place for next session.

22. The report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College was read by W. C. Ward, President of the Board, as follows :

The Board of Trustees of Howard College submit the following statement of the work and condition of the college since the meeting of this Convention, at Talladega, in July, 1888:

While the Convention was in session, and for some time afterward, the hope was entertained that Dr. J. L. Johnson, then recently elected to the presidency of the college, would accept the position. After delaying for some weeks, he declined to accept the place to which he was elected. Desiring to meet the views as expressed of many of the wisest friends of the college, and of Baptist leaders throughout the State, the Board of Trustees diligently sought for a man to fill the vacant presidency. Influenced by the earnest recommendations of brethren in the various parts of the State, late in the summer of 1888, Dr. B. F. Riley was chosen President of Howard College. It was then too late in the season for much to be done by a canvass of the State for students. The presence of yellow fever in Decatur, and the fearful panic that everywhere prevailed, prevented a large number of students from matriculating during the scholastic year 1888-9. There were, however, enrolled during the year 143 students. At the close of the year, in June last, and

from observation during the year, and from information derived from time to time, the conclusion was reached, that notwithstanding the unfavorable circumstances attending the opening of the college, in the work done, the year 1888-9 was one of the most successful in the history of the college. The discipline maintained was excellent, in fact it was so rigid as to impress upon the college and its surroundings the characteristics of a military camp. Of course there was complaint, but it happened in this, as it always does, where discipline is wisely administered, that the students admitted the wisdom of the course adopted, and President Riley, at the close of the scholastic year, was the most popular president the college ever had. He had demonstrated that the Board of Trustees had accidentally chosen wisely. As was anticipated at the close of the scholastic year, there was a large deficit in the treasury, and the salaries of the professors unpaid. This deficit of \$1,866.44 had been promised to be met by the Convention by and through an appeal to the churches. Many churches, and some individuals, contributed liberally. The contributions of two ladies to this fund were munificent. There yet remains to be raised of this deficit, the sum of \$643.51, which it is hoped the Convention will now provide for.

The Board of Trustees, with gratitude, report that the scholastic year 1889-90, has opened most auspiciously. One hundred and forty-three (143) students have to date matriculated, and it is hoped that this number will be greatly increased. Of those present twenty-nine are beneficiaries. During the summer the President, and Professors Giles and Waldrop have been very active in presenting the claims of the college to the Baptists of the State and the friends of the college. The condition of the college now indicates that the receipts thereof will pay all expenses, and that there will be no deficit for this year.

This prosperous state of the college is due alone to the untiring labors of the faculty, and to Dr. Purser's efforts in its behalf, and demonstrates that by sufficient effort, wisely directed, the college can succeed even in the face of obstacles that to weaker men would be appalling. This success demonstrates that it is practicable for the Baptists of Alabama to have and maintain a college of high order, even without an endowment, or magnificent buildings, or imposing surroundings, and in the presence of two well-endowed State institutions offering free tuition, and possessed of all the modern appliances and facilities of education. It is because Howard College gives to the young men of the State within its walls education in fact, and not merely the means of education. Has not every one something to give to help on this meritorious work?

About the middle of January last, Dr. J. P. Shaffer closed his engagement with the Board of Trustees as your Financial Secretary. His salary and the expenses of his office amounted to about the sum of \$3,236.83. It seems that the untoward circumstances and the grave apprehensions everywhere felt that the college could not succeed, rendered his efforts comparatively barren of financial results. It is hoped his earnest labors in behalf of the college are now bearing fruit and will yet ripen into a rich harvest. After much persuasion on the part of the Board of Trustees, and anxious thought on his part, Dr. D. L. Purser was induced to undertake the work of raising a sum sufficient to complete the academic or main college building. When this work was undertaken by him, the situation seen as man sees was well nigh desperate. But Dr. Purser has been everywhere and has seen almost everybody it was possible to obtain a contribution from. He has heard, felt and borne up under unfavorable and ad-



verse criticism, and yet labored on. As the result of his untiring efforts, he has received in cash contributions \$730.00, and in notes payable in four installments the sum of \$31,359.75. He aimed, when he began, to obtain \$10,000.00. In this, as in everything else, it is most difficult to get the remainder. All subscriptions are made with the promise that they will be returned unless a sum sufficient to erect the building is raised. The liberality of brethren scattered all over the State induces the hope that Alabama Baptists will not allow this undertaking to fail when less than one-fourth the amount required remains to be raised. To fail now would be irretrievable failure. We cannot wait for some one of vast wealth to take this burden off our shoulders. We must all cast our littles into the treasury of the Lord. The Convention ought now to devise some means to make available this, to us, large sum.

W. C. WARD,  
Pres. Board of Trustees of Howard College.

23. The report of the Board of Trustees of Judson Institute was read by the Secretary of the Convention, as follows:

The trustees of the Judson Female Institute respectfully submit the following report:

The session of 1888-89 began under very favorable auspices on the first of October, 1888, and progressed quite satisfactorily until Saturday the 24th day of November following. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, fire was discovered on the roof of the central building and burned so rapidly it was impossible to extinguish it. How the fire originated is not known; the most reasonable supposition is that it was caused by burning sparks falling from the chimney on the dry shingle roof. After making every possible effort to extinguish the fire, and seeing it was in vain to contend longer with it, the President and teachers devoted themselves to the removal of the pupils and their effects from the burning buildings, which was done. It is cause for devout gratitude and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, that not an inmate of the building was in any wise injured or hurt. As soon as the buildings were destroyed, the citizens of Marion generally—whether Baptists or not—prompted by that hospitality and liberality which has ever characterized them, voluntarily threw wide open the doors of their residences, and invited teachers and pupils to enter them and there remain until other arrangements could be made for them. In this way every teacher and pupil was provided for in a pleasant home before nightfall of that memorable day.

We desire here to express in this public way, and to place on the records of this Convention, our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the citizens of Marion, who labored so earnestly in trying to extinguish the fire, in removing the property from the burning buildings, and in taking to their houses and caring for the teachers and pupils after the fire.

It was regarded by the Board of great importance that the organization of the school should be kept up and continued to the close of the session. Fortunately we were able to secure the King House, a large brick building, built for and used as a hotel. As soon as the necessary changes and arrangements could be made, which was done within eleven days after the fire, the school opened and was carried on until

the close of the session. Brother W. T. Smith, of Birmingham, generously paid the entire rent for said building.

A full meeting of the Board of Trustees was held as soon as practicable after the fire, and it was unanimously resolved to erect another building on the same site as early as possible. Committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements and contracts therefor, and on the 20th day of February, 1889, the work of rebuilding began. The building is now complete and in use. It is a magnificent and imposing structure, splendidly arranged and equipped. No female school in the South is more so.

The entire cost of the new buildings, including furniture and equipment generally, is about sixty-five thousand dollars. To make the final payment on the building we have negotiated a loan of twenty-five thousand dollars, and to secure the payment thereof, we have executed a deed of trust on all the property, both real and personal, of the Judson. In addition to said sum we owe for new furniture and other equipments purchased, about ninety-five hundred dollars, which is unsecured.

We now make an earnest appeal to the Convention—the first of the kind ever made to it in behalf of the Judson—to raise twenty-five thousand dollars to pay off and satisfy said deed of trust.

Brethren James T. Fitzgerald and W. T. Smith have had the exclusive management and control of everything pertaining to raising funds for the erection of the new buildings and their equipment. They have been the Committee on Ways and Means, and are entitled to the thanks of the denomination for their earnest, faithful, and efficient labors in the discharge of their duty.

The Building Committee consists of Brethren W. T. Smith, Chairman, James T. Fitzgerald, and W. W. Wilkerson. They have performed their duties well and faithfully, and are due the thanks of the denomination therefor.

Mr. Geo. C. Kelly, of Birmingham, Ala., has generously donated to the Judson a splendid three Manual pipe organ as a memorial of his deceased wife, Miss Isoline Bates, a graduate of the Judson.

Bro. R. B. Kyle, a member of the Board of Trustees, resigned in December, 1888. It was important to have the vacancy filled as early as possible, so the Board requested Bro. W. T. Smith to take his place and act with us, which he did. We now ask the Convention to ratify our action and elect him a member of the Board of Trustees.

The session of 1889-90 began in the new buildings on the 9th day of October last, with a full supply of able teachers, and all the departments fully organized. To this date one hundred and twenty-six pupils have been registered. Eighty-four of them board in the Institute.

We are now beginning a new era in the history of our beloved institution. If we can secure for it the prayers, the sympathy, and the support of our brethren throughout the State, its future will be more glorious than its past has been. To aid us in securing this result, we cordially and earnestly invite all our brethren to visit the Judson, examine the buildings, their arrangements, and equipment, and see for themselves the facilities and advantages it offers for the education of their daughters.

JOHN MOORE,

President Board of Trustees.

J. B. LOVELACE, Secretary.

24. The report of the Board of Directors was read by the Secretary of the Convention, as follows :

#### REPORT OF DIRECTORS.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Convention was called by the President, at the instance of the Board of Trustees of Howard College, and held in Selma, on Monday, July 29th, 1889, at 10 o'clock A. M., according to notice mailed to all the members of the Board, to consider the advisability of selling or mortgaging lands donated to the Convention for college purposes, to raise money to aid in erecting a main building for the College.

There were present, The President, Jon. Haralson; Law Lamar, H. S. D. Mallory, J. M. Frost, and S. W. Averett.

After mature consideration of the matter, the following resolution was adopted by the Board:

*Resolved*, That as a Board of Directors, we would favor and pass the resolution submitted to us for our action (touching the sale or mortgage of lands donated to the Convention for college purposes, to aid in erecting a main building for the College), if it were necessary to save our option or the condition of the subscription of said lands; but, inasmuch as this is a grave matter, in which the interest of the denomination is much involved, and the meeting of the Convention is only about three months off, and it does not appear to us that said subscription will be forfeited by a delay until that time, the Directors regard it as well and better for Howard College and the denomination that action in the premises be deferred till the meeting of the Convention.

No further business coming before the Directors, the meeting adjourned.  
JON. HARALSON, President.

On motion of W. C. Ward, the report was referred to the Committee on Education.

25. In accordance with notice given at last session (item 31, minutes of 1888), Article VIII of the Constitution was amended so as to strike out the word "same" where it occurs as seventh word from end of said article and substitute the word "convention" therefor.

26. Invitations for next session were extended by representatives of Eufaula, Troy, Marion, East Lake, and Mobile churches, which were referred to the Committee on Time and Place.

27. Basil Manly addressed the Convention regarding the interests of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

28. W. C. Cleveland and M. B. Wharton spoke on needs of Board of Ministerial Education, and about twenty-three hundred dollars was subscribed for the Board.

St. Francis Street Church, Mobile.....	\$ 250 00
First Church, Montgomery.....	100 00
Adams Street Church, Montgomery.....	30 00
First Church, Selma.....	100 00
Law Lamar, Selma.....	50 00
First Church, Eufaula.....	100 00
First Church, Birmingham.....	100 00
South Side Church, Birmingham.....	25 00
Greenville Church.....	25 00
Parker Memorial Church, Anniston.....	100 00
Verbena Church.....	25 00
Woodlawn Church.....	25 00
L. C. Coulson, Scottsboro.....	5 00
E. F. Baber, Notasulga.....	5 00
Huntsville Church.....	25 00
W. C. Bledsoe, LaFayette.....	10 00
Alfred Edwards, paid.....	5 00
Z. D. Roby.....	10 00
Evergreen Church, by J. W. Stewart.....	25 00
J. W. Stewart, Evergreen.....	10 00
A. J. Hearn, for churches.....	50 00
Tuskegee Church, by G. A. Hornady.....	25 00
Livingston Church, by W. G. Curry.....	25 00
Mrs. T. M. Tartt, Livingston.....	50 00
Furman Church, by J. E. Chambliss.....	15 00
Pleasant Hill Church, by J. E. Chambliss.....	30 00
Gadsden Church, by J. A. Wynne.....	10 00
M. H. Lane, paid.....	10 00
Carlowville Church.....	20 00
W. J. Elliott, paid.....	5 00
I. A. White, McKinley.....	5 00
I. A. White, for churches.....	10 00
J. T. Cain, paid.....	50 00
Union Springs Church.....	50 00
Cal Smith, for churches.....	50 00
W. C. Cleveland, Montevallo.....	50 00
R. A. J. Cumbie, for churches.....	25 00
First Church, Troy, by J. F. Purser.....	50 00
T. W. Hart, for churches.....	25 00
G. S. Anderson, for churches.....	25 00
W. M. Burr, Columbia.....	25 00
Cash.....	39 22
W. R. Harvey, of Western Recorder.....	10 00
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SUBSCRIPTIONS FORMERLY MADE AT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

Unity Association.....	\$200 00
Union Association.....	100 00
Cahaba Association.....	175 00
Cahaba Valley Association.....	75 00
Eufaula Association.....	100 00—\$ 650 00
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Aggregate.....	\$2,329 22

## FRIDAY NIGHT.

29. The Introductory Sermon was preached by D. M. Ramsey, his text being Luke 14: 18.

30. J. B. Hawthorne addressed the Convention regarding the proposed Baptist College at Florence.

## SATURDAY MORNING.

31. In accordance with resolution of Friday, the delegates boarded the train and reached Marion at 10:30, where the Convention was called to order in the Chapel of the Judson Institute.

32. S. W. Averett, President of the Judson Institute, welcomed the Convention to the Institution and to Marion, and the young lady pupils were introduced. Miss Smealie, of the faculty, sang "I'm nearer my home to-day," and W. C. Cleveland led in prayer.

33. The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the interests of the Judson Institute. Remarks were made by T. G. Bush, D. I. Purser, and J. M. Frost, and subscriptions were made to the amount of ten thousand dollars towards cost of new building and equipment; and after dinner provided by the ladies of Marion, the Convention returned to Selma.

Subscription list is as follows:

J. C. Bush, \$2,147.25; J. T. Fitzgerald, \$1,097.25; W. T. Smith, \$1,000; C. W. Collins, \$500; T. G. Bush, \$500; A. P. Bush, \$500; Parker Memorial church, Anniston, \$500; A. F. Reel, \$250; M. A. Keith, \$200; M. H. Lane, \$200; S. R. C. Adams, \$200; S. W. Averett, \$100; B. F. Ellis, \$100; Mrs. B. F. Riley, \$100; W. H. Smith, \$100; J. L. Thompson, \$100; R. A. J. Cumble, \$100; G. A. Joiner, \$100; Catt Smith, \$100; H. D. D. Straton, \$100; Mrs. B. H. Crumpton, \$100; P. T. Hale, \$100; J. S. Kelly, \$100; W. E. Lloyd, \$100; J. F. Purser, \$100; R. W. Beck, \$100; J. G. Harris, \$100; J. C. Hiden, \$100; G. S. Anderson, \$100; W. C. Ward, \$50.00; C. W. Hure, \$50.00; W. A. Parker, \$50.00; W. P. Welch, \$50.00; Jon. Haralson, \$50.00; S. W. Harris, \$50.00; E. S. Starr, \$50.00; W. B. Carter, \$50.00; J. T. Cane, \$50.00; T. H. Stout, \$50.00; G. W. Ellis, \$50.00; R. M. Hunter, \$50.00; W. R. Ivey, \$25.00; J. L. Walshall, \$25.00; D. C. Culbreth, \$25.00; W. J. D. Upshaw, \$25.00; A. Edwards, \$25.00; J. W. Stillwell, \$25.00; L. A. Bell, \$20.00; A. Hall, \$20.00; Mrs. P. C. Coulson, \$10.00; C. W. O'Hara, \$10.00; I. A. White, \$5.00; E. P. Loveless, \$5.00; Miles Hardy, \$5.00; J. H. Fendley, \$5.00. Total pledges, \$9,724.50.

Cash payments: A. J. Diaz, \$50.00; J. H. Williamson, \$50.00; J. M. Langston, \$10.00; G. A. Hornady, \$10.00; D. W. Ramsey, \$10.00; J. Q.

Lipscomb, \$10.00; W. J. Elliott, \$10.00; W. J. Ruddick, \$6.00; A. E. Burns, \$5.00; J. M. McCord, \$5.00; N. C. Underwood, \$5.00; F. C. Plaster, \$5.00; J. A. Glenn, \$5.00; W. N. Huckabee, \$5.00; J. G. Apsey, \$5.00; J. H. Creighton, \$5.00; W. T. Dillard, \$5.00; Mary Edwards, \$5.00; Miss Iola Adams, \$5.00; C. A. Tinch, \$5.00; C. W. Simmons, \$5.00; W. C. Mayes, \$4.00; Collirene Sunday-school, \$3.50; S. M. Dinkins, \$1.00; hat collection, \$46.00. Total cash payments, \$275.50.

Grand total, \$10,000.

(NOTE.—Some of these subscriptions credited to delegates individually it is expected will be assumed by the churches they represent.—Secretary.)

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

34. The Committee on Time and Place reported that next session be held at Mobile, beginning on Friday, before second Sunday in November, 1890, at 9 A. M. (November 7, 1890), with St. Francis street church, and the report was unanimously adopted.

35. The Convention proceeded to the discussion of State Missions, and addresses were made by I. A. White on Colportage, by Z. D. Roby on Indigent Ministers' Fund, and by F. C. Plaster on Work among Colored People.

## SATURDAY NIGHT.

36. The interests of Howard College were considered by the Convention, and addresses were made by W. C. Ward and D. I. Purser, after which fourteen thousand four hundred and fifteen dollars were subscribed towards cost of main building, as follows:

C. W. Collins.....	\$1,100 00	B. F. Ellis.....	\$ 100 00
T. G. Bush.....	1,000 00	S. O. Y. Ray.....	100 00
J. T. Fitzgerald.....	1,000 00	D. S. Martin.....	100 00
Law Lamar.....	500 00	S. W. Harris.....	100 00
A. P. Bush.....	500 00	R. A. Clay.....	100 00
Mrs. T. M. Tartt.....	250 00	J. D. Godwin.....	100 00
H. S. D. Mallory .....	200 00	W. P. Welch.....	100 00
M. A. Keith.....	200 00	W. C. Bledsoe.....	100 00
J. S. McCants.....	200 00	W. C. Ward, Jr.,.....	100 00
A. J. Hearn .....	150 00	H. A. Haralson.....	100 00
J. B. Lovelace.....	100 00	W. W. Burns.....	100 00
E. B. Tenge.....	100 00	W. G. Curry.....	100 00
W. B. Crumpton.....	100 00	W. H. Smith.....	100 00
Jon. Haralson.....	100 00	J. A. Wynne.....	100 00

N. C. Underwood.....\$	100 00	S. J. Catts.....\$	100 00
J. W. Stillwell.....	100 00	J. G. Lowery.....	100 00
D. W. Ward.....	100 00	A. S. Smith.....	100 00
G. B. Burns.....	100 00	O. S. Welch.....	100 00
H. W. Caffey.....	100 00	J. W. Hurt.....	100 00
M. D. Early.....	100 00	A. Edwards.....	100 00
J. B. Graham.....	100 00	J. A. Glenn.....	50 00
Mrs. M. H. Lane.....	100 00	E. P. Loveless.....	50 00
H. L. McKee.....	100 00	C. W. O'Hara.....	50 00
Edward Day.....	100 00	Sunbeam Society, Selma..	50 00
P. T. Hale.....	100 00	S. P. Mellwain.....	50 00
J. W. Hudson.....	100 00	J. R. Lloyd.....	50 00
H. D. D. Stratton.....	100 00	W. L. Clay.....	50 00
J. F. Burns.....	100 00	F. G. Mullen.....	50 00
B. F. Giles.....	100 00	A. E. Burns.....	50 00
D. I. Purser.....	100 00	W. C. Mayes.....	50 00
G. A. Hornaday.....	100 00	J. H. Fendley.....	50 00
H. H. Shell.....	100 00	I. A. White.....	50 00
S. Frank Fowlkes.....	100 00	F. C. Plaster.....	50 00
J. C. Lovelace.....	100 00	W. M. Blackwelder.....	50 00
Mrs. Judge Williams.....	100 00	J. T. Cane.....	50 00
W. M. Perkins.....	100 00	W. G. Hix.....	50 00
F. M. Dunaway.....	100 00	J. E. Barnard.....	50 00
J. H. Williamson.....	100 00	S. W. Welch.....	40 00
Joseph Swink.....	100 00	C. L. Boyd.....	40 00
W. T. Jones.....	100 00	W. L. Ward.....	25 00
J. H. Creighton.....	100 00	A. F. Brezeale.....	25 00
J. W. Dickinson.....	100 00	R. J. Adams.....	25 00
J. P. Shaffer.....	100 00	W. J. Ruddick.....	25 00
C. S. Ray.....	100 00	R. P. Anderson.....	25 00
P. L. Moseley.....	100 00	J. E. Wilson.....	25 00
Wm. A. Parker.....	100 00	R. E. Weaver.....	25 00
T. M. Johnson.....	100 00	E. M. Cook.....	25 00
D. C. Culbreth.....	100 00		
L. M. Bradley.....	100 00	Total uncondit'l pledges,	\$12,130 00

Cash collected, W. J. Elliott, \$50.00; S. P. Lindsey, \$10.00; J. W. Gibson, \$5.00; in hat, \$20.51. Total cash, \$85.51; and the following conditional pledges, to-wit: Carlowlville church 200.00; Troy church, 500.00; Ft. Deposit church, 250.00; Greenville church, 250.00; Tuskegee church, 500.00; Parker Memorial church, Anniston, 500.00. Total conditional pledges, \$2,200.00.

Making a grand total of \$14,415.51.

(NOTE.—Some of these subscriptions credited to delegates individually it is expected will be assumed by their churches.—Secretary.)

## SUNDAY MORNING.

37. The annual Missionary Sermon was preached in the Baptist Church by George B. Eager; text, John 12:32; Matthew 28:20. Pulpits of other denominations were supplied by various members of the Convention.

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

38. The subject of Home Missions being before the Convention, the report on the subject was read by H. W. Caffey, as follows:

In presenting this annual report, it is the pleasure of your Committee on Home Missions to state there has been no recession in active work and progress in this department of Christian labor during the past year. Under the wise administration of its energetic and able Secretary, aided by his efficient co-laborers, the watchword has been "Excelsior." In every direction liberal measures have been devised and an impetus given to the cause demanded by the necessities of the hour. Increased population, rapid development of business enterprises in every quarter, growing wealth, and an aggregation of influences whose tendencies are antagonistic to the growth of the cause and kingdom of Christ, alike require, in order to meet the exigencies of the times, enlarged consecration on the part of God's people, both of personal service and material means. A crisis is upon us, and in no age or time have grander opportunities, or larger responsibilities devolved on the followers of Christ, and thank God in no age or time have his people been more richly endowed with all the means, material, moral, and religious, with which to discharge these obligations.

The Board, in recognition of these facts, and confiding in the support of the brotherhood, have increased the missionary force in the field from 283 to 328, and are constantly occupying fresh points and forming other combinations, wherewith to increase the power and effectiveness of their work. Twelve of these missionaries are laboring among our foreign population; forty-one among the colored people; twenty in the island of Cuba; and two hundred and fifty-five among the native white people of the South.

Your attention has been called more than once to the remarkable religious metamorphosis rapidly going on in the island of Cuba. Within a brief interval, as most of you are aware, a marvellous transformation has been wrought in Havana and elsewhere there, that appears little short of the miraculous, and surely the hand of God is in it, and His blessed Spirit has guided our Board in its wise direction of this movement. We should thank God and take courage, that He has raised up and qualified a man singularly fitted to carry on this work of grace. In the person of Bro. Alberto J. Diaz, we have a laborer endowed with a spirit kindred to that which animated the apostle Paul, when on his way to Jerusalem he was constrained to exclaim, "The Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying, that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Persecuted, his life often in jeopardy, his good name maligned, and every agency a hostile priesthood, instigated by the arch enemy of man, could invent has been employed, and even the sacred precincts of the dead invaded, to retard and break down his influence and frustrate his labors; but in vain, for heaven smiles, God blesses, good men extend a helping hand, Christians pray for him, and the grand work goes bravely on. As the outcome of three years' effort, we have a membership of



1,500, of whom 300 have been baptized within the last twelve months; seven churches, besides twenty other stations, supplied with preaching; twenty-six Sunday-schools, 2,228 scholars and teachers. As an indispensable factor for the prosecution of its work in Cuba, the Board, following the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention, have purchased a suitable building near the centre of the city of Havana, adapted to church purposes, and capable of seating 3,000 people. For this property they were to pay \$65,000 in three payments, \$20,000 of which has been arranged; the deferred installments are due respectively, March 1890 and 1891. The attachments to this property, after paying taxes, yields an annual income of about \$2,000. This investment is regarded by some of our most sagacious business men as pre-eminently wise, and the Board say, "This purchase gives confidence to the people of Havana in the stability and permanency of our work, and lifts it to a higher level, and attracts to us larger numbers of the better classes." We need not further enlarge upon this topic, as its importance, its necessities, its possibilities, and its encouragements have been frequently dilated upon.

Another movement of great interest and importance we would direct your attention to. The Home Board has entered into a co-operative arrangement with the State Mission Board, to establish and foster Theological Institutes for our colored ministry in this State, with a view of promoting a larger knowledge of the Scriptures, and training them for a more intelligent and efficient discharge of their high calling. In pursuance of this agreement, Bro. F. C. Plaster has labored with zeal and great earnestness among our colored brethren, and his eminent fitness for the position, and consecration to the work, have rendered his efforts highly acceptable and successful, and in view of the magnitude and overwhelming importance of the interests at stake, we would earnestly commend him and his mission to the prayerful sympathy and active co-operation of our brethren. In Texas a grand work is being prosecuted, but notwithstanding the combined exertions of the State and Home Boards, there yet remain forty-nine county seats, forty-one city stations and 450,000 people destitute of gospel privileges. Notwithstanding the grandeur of the results accomplished in this magnificent State in the past, eventuating in the establishment of about 1,000 churches, and the baptism of many thousand believers from the immense area of territory, and rapidly increasing population, the work enlarges and fresh demands are created on our Board. In Missouri, with her 600,000 German population, a most promising and inviting work is presented, with fields whitening unto harvest.

Among the Indians the seeds of gospel truth, sown in former years, are ripening, and hope is culminating in fruition. In Maryland, a beloved and consecrated sister, Miss Lula Whilden, is laboring among the Chinese population of that State.

In Louisiana, the Baptist cause is growing in strength daily, and after long years of weary waiting, the indebtedness on our church property in the city of New Orleans has been extinguished, and we are now on a firm footing in that priest ridden city, with increasingly brightening prospects, and "in no State is the work more hopeful or promising than in Louisiana." In short in every State, and in all the varied interests fostered by the Home Board, its management has been conducted with vigor, wisdom, and an earnest aggressiveness that augurs well for future results and the onward and upward growth of our Master's kingdom and cause. We would recommend to the Baptists of Alabama the excellent publication of the Board, known as "The Home Field," issued monthly at Atlanta, Georgia,

abounding in instructive and useful information, and calculated to awaken an interest in the various works of the Board.

In conclusion we would invite the attention of our brethren to the fact, that this has been a year of signal favor to us from our Heavenly Father; health, peace, and plenty have crowned our borders; no epidemic has preyed upon any portion of our State; a bounteous harvest has rewarded the labors of our people, with rich blessings in basket and store; and God has poured out his Spirit on many of our churches, renewing them in spiritual strength, and bringing souls into his marvellous light, and causing them to rejoice in hope of his glory. May these manifestations of his goodness and love, excite in our hearts emotions of profound gratitude and love and stimulate us to enter upon the new year's work with fresh zeal and courage, and consecrating all of our powers to His service, let us labor to convey to all who are perishing the gladness of salvation, to furnish every family with the word of God, and "send to every neighborhood a preacher of the cross of Christ. Our object will not be accomplished until every temple of wickedness is pulled down, and a temple of Jehovah erected in its room; until this earth, instead of being a theatre, on which immortal beings are preparing by crime for eternal condemnation, shall become one universal temple, in which the children of men are learning the anthems of the blessed above, and becoming meet to join the general assembly and church of the first-born, whose names are written in Heaven."

H. W. CAFFEY,  
J. D. COOK.

Addresses were made by I. T. Tichenor, A. J. Dinz, and J. P. Shaffer, and a subscription was made for the Havana church building, as follows:

First Church, Montgomery, \$650; Selma church, \$500; East Liberty Association, \$200; T. H. Stout, \$100; Tuskegee Association, \$100; Sunbeam Society of Evergreen church, \$50.00; L. A. White, \$25.00; Harris Association, \$100; Mt. Lebanon church, \$45.00; S. J. Strock, \$50.00; Birmingham churches, \$250; Carey Association, \$50.00; Brewton church, \$25.00; Siloam church, \$100; Prairie church, \$10.00; Gadsden church, \$20.00; L. C. Coulson, \$5.00; W. R. Ivey, \$5.00; Rock Mills Association, \$30.00; Blocton church, \$10.00; W. J. D. Upshaw, \$25.00; Central Association, \$50.00; Tuskegee church, \$250; Mobile Association, \$100; Jennison church, \$18.00; Alpine church, \$50.00. Total pledges, \$2,818.00.

Cash payments: R. E. Lindsey, \$5.00; A. Edwards, \$5.00; Collinene church, \$5.00; John and J. D. Hardson, \$7.50; hat collection, \$12.00. Total cash, \$34.50.

Grand total, in cash and pledges, \$2,852.50.

The report was then unanimously adopted.

## MONDAY MORNING.

39. The report on Sunday-schools was read by E. F. Baber, Chairman, as follows:

## REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

It would be nothing new to remark that the Sabbath-school is one of the chief sources for the maintenance of the strength of our churches. It is a well known fact that very many of those who are received into our churches every year are members of those schools, and many of the adults baptized received their first religious impressions through the instrumentality of the Sabbath lesson.

It is also conceded that the duty devolves upon us of giving to the boys and girls, as they grow up around us, the best religious education that we can impart to them. This obligation would exist, even if we did not have the hope of receiving them into our churches. It is a duty that we owe to society and to the State, as well as to the individuals who are taught.

These considerations impel us to constant faithfulness in the Sabbath-school work. Not only should we sedulously practice methods that are approved by long use, but also look for and adopt such new methods as give promise of benefit.

We believe that it should be regarded by us as a duty to establish a Sabbath-school wherever it is possible to have one, and that each church is bound by sacred obligation to God and man to perform this duty. It is not a matter that should be left to the pious zeal of a few members, but it is the business of the church.

E. F. BABER, Chairman.

After remarks by B. H. Crumpton and E. F. Baber, the report was adopted.

40. The report on Education was read as follows :

## REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We congratulate the Baptists of Alabama on the rapid progress made in their educational interests. Thoroughly aroused to the great importance of educating their children, our people are putting forth more efforts than ever before in this direction. They are making sacrifices, when need be, to accomplish this great end. As an evidence of this fact, our brethren are giving liberally of their means, to build institutions of learning, under the fostering care of the denomination, and are sending their children to our schools. But there is one lamentable fact to which we refer with some degree of regret—many of our denomination are not patronizing our denominational schools as we think they should. If our institutions of learning are to be successful and accomplish the ends designed and desired, they must be supported by our denomination. From this source we certainly expect a support and co-operation. We must be united or the schools and colleges controlled by Baptists will not be a grand success.

In union there is strength, and without it comes weakness.

We should feel a just pride in Howard College, located at East Lake. It is to-day more prosperous, perhaps, than it has been in the past. It is well officered, and the education here imparted is solid, practical, and of a high order, fitting our boys for the battle of life. Support it with your money, your boys and your prayers, and God's blessing will rest upon it, and the greatest results will attend its operations. Brethren, encourage these institutions. Send your boys to the Howard.

And what shall we say of the Judson Institute, from whose walls many hundred of polished, educated and refined young women have

gone forth to adorn society and make the world better? Wherever you go, especially in the Gulf-States, you are not from under the influence exerted by the alumnae of this glorious institution of learning. Scattered as they are throughout the Southland, they have exerted an influence for good that is untold in its effects and extent.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the Alabama Baptist State Convention, now in session, do hereby authorize and empower the President of the Board of Trustees of Howard College, who is now W. C. Ward, for and on the part of this body, for the purpose of raising money to complete the main college building, by authority and direction of the Board of Trustees, to sell and convey any property donated to this Convention, which by the terms of the gift may be used for that purpose; or to secure by mortgage of such property, the notes of Howard College executed for the purpose of borrowing money to complete that building.

*Resolved 2d*, That W. C. Ward, President of said Board of Trustees, or his successor in office, is also authorized to execute a deed to W. H. Wood conveying a lot of land heretofore contracted to be given him as payment to cover and fit up a building now used for a mess hall.

*Resolved 3d* The Board of Trustees of Howard College is empowered to borrow money at any time it may be necessary to do so, by hypothecation of subscription notes, to carry on the work to the completion of the building.

After remarks by B. F. Riley, R. A. J. Cumble, S. W. Averett, Basil Manly, M. D. Early, J. A. Foster, and F. S. Moody, the report was adopted.

41. The following resolution, offered by J. B. Lovelace, was adopted, to-wit :

*Resolved*, That this Convention hereby ratifies and approves the action of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, in issuing bonds to the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars, and giving the mortgage or deed of trust on the property, real and personal, belonging to the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, to secure the payment of said bonds and coupons as they become due and payable.

42. On motion of J. B. Lovelace, a committee, consisting of John Moore, Jon. Haralson, and H. S. D. Mallory, was appointed to secure from the legislature of Alabama any needed amendments to the charter of the Judson Institute.

43. The report on Foreign Missions was read by J. C. Wright, Chairman, as follows :

Foreign Missions are the great driving-wheel of Christian enterprise. All other missions are the smaller wheels in the combination. The Foreign Mission idea is the necessary completion of the Christian life. It is the apex to which all the lines of the pyramid lead up.

It might be difficult to name and define the great secondary force, or forces of nature; the cause of movements in the natural and spiritual universe. But one thing is clear, the greatest force for the world's transformation is the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, whether Jew or Greek, heathen or home-born sinner.

The great command of our Lord, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," though given eighteen centuries ago, has not, through the lapse of ages, lost any of its original force and Divine authority. The gospel is still the power of God, the word of the Master, the moral lever to lift a fallen world into the kingdom of Christ. Now, we better understand the genius of the great commission and are better acquainted with the lost condition of the heathen; and this knowledge makes the Master's call and our duty vastly more imperative.

The heathen are as lost as ever; but roads are cut out to all nations, and all obstacles to the progress of the gospel are removed, and the world-field is white unto the harvest--and an intense Christianity could throw a Bible into every heathen's door.

Now if, with these open doors before us, and a dying world around us, we, with all our facilities and ample ability to send the bread of life to perishing millions, fail to do it, then we are without excuse, criminal, and their blood will be upon our skirts.

Foreign Missions are at once the shame and glory of the Christian church, a shame that so little has been done for so great a cause, a glory that so much has been done with so little means. Many of the fathers of missions now rest from their labors. We thank God for the great work he enabled them to accomplish; and we rejoice in the good work our missionaries are now doing on the field; and in the bright promise and splendid outlook of the world for Christ at an early day.

This is a shorthand age. God will work by short methods. Already nations have been born in a day. And others will follow in quick succession. "I will work a work in your days, which ye will not believe, though it be told you." It will be by short method, so quick and so sudden, that none will believe it, though told them. Satan falls as lightning from Heaven. And gospel light shall be as the "lightning coming out of the east, and shining even unto the west."

For the past year, the work in Foreign Fields, namely, Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Africa, and China, has been successful, encouraging and prosperous. There has been marked progress on all the lines of our Foreign work. Last year, nearly one hundred thousand dollars was contributed to our Foreign Board, and has been expended on these fields. Fifteen new missionaries have been appointed, and these, with their assistants make a missionary company of thirty persons. This new appointment, together with five houses of worship, which should be built, because greatly needed, would raise the amount needed by the Foreign Board to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the year now upon us. Alabama is called on to raise six thousand dollars of the above amount. Let Alabama give ten thousand dollars at once.

We have the men, we need money. To convert the heathen without money is a physical impossibility. Missionaries do not feed on the winds, nor do they weave garments from the clouds. They do not fly in the air, but sail in ships. Bibles are not printed on the leaves of the forest with the dewdrops of the morning. Fill the waterpots, our duty; results, God will change the water into wine.

Fill the missionaries' pocket with money for expenses, fill heathen lands with missionaries and Bibles; and God will change the heathen into a Christian, the thirsty lands into springs of water, the wilderness into a well cultivated field, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose.

J. C. WRIGHT,  
T. W. AYERS,  
S. W. HARRIS,  
W. N. HUCKABEE,  
C. W. O'HARA.

After remarks by P. T. Hale, E. B. Teague, J. O. Hixson, S. Henderson, W. C. Cleveland, and M. H. Lane, the report was adopted.

#### 44. The report on Temperance was read as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance beg to report on *Intemperance* as follows:

The liquor traffic is one of the most gigantic curses to the human race. This traffic is a withering blight to almost all civilized countries. But it is to the shame and disgrace of so-called Christian countries that they have made heathen sober countries to become drunken.

While this traffic has cast its blight on all civilizations, we see it most, feel it keenest in America, our country, our cities, our homes. It is a colossal power. "Six years ago there were in the United States 206,970 liquor dealers. The saloons placed in unbroken line would make a continuous front from Chicago to New York. There is invested in this business \$1,000,000,000. In Boston alone the business operates \$75,000,000. The annual liquor bill of this nation is \$900,000,000."—(Strong). And the reports in the associated press show that recently millions of money have been invested in this traffic in America, and much of it by foreign capitalists.

These vast amounts represent boundless power. This power is thoroughly organized. Its machinery is as complete as clock-work. In response to a touch of the wire its jealous and zealous nerves tingle from sea to sea, and any amount of money can be had either to defeat the voice of an honest, outraged people, or to kill a bill in Congress. In our counties and cities the voice of the better class of citizens who give tone and character to society and business in general is ignored when it comes to the whisky question and the voice of the drunken rabble makes the law, and if the people do vote it out, its dealers glory in the fact that they can sell it on the sly, showing that they are a lawless people. As there is no reason for the traffic apart from the mere money there is in it, its devotees, to carry their measures, make the ignorant rabble drunk, that in the absence of reason they may win their point. This evil has killed and is killing more of our citizens than could an invading army. It has made desolate more homes, blasted more hopes, wrecked more fortunes, than did the civil war. It wrecks for *now* and *forever*. It is a greater curse to us than anarchy or socialism could be. These could and would be crushed out. But this traffic strides to the front and cries out, "law!" Its license is a law to defeat law. Its legality is licensed crime. Crime is its offspring. It is a standing menace to our government and a perpetual barrier to the progress of our churches. It greatly delays the coming of our Lord's kingdom. It is wholly an live unmitigated by any good.

How this gigantic evil is to be met, God only knows. If the pulpit takes hold of the question, its devotees cry out, saying: "It is a political question." If it is fought on political grounds, its adherents say: "It is a moral question and ought not to be tampered with outside the pulpit." If you say "local option," whisky men at once turn to "moral suasionists." If you say "high license," you only render it more respectable without cutting it off or abating to a great extent its evil. From a human standpoint, we are overwhelmed; children crying in the night of sorrow; crying for help. *But, God REIGNS!* And with the love of God, of humanity, of country and of home beating high in our hearts, we turn our eyes to the *God of Israel* and to the *power of the Trinity*, and cry for help. Whatever may be the position of politics and law with reference to this great question, God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit, and truth and right are on the side of sobriety, and we must not, cannot fail. Fixing our eyes upon this throne whence cometh our help, we will preach that doctrine of prohibition which God has taught, viz: "Let not sin, therefore, reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof; neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God." Rom. 6: 13, 14.

W. L. PICKARD,  
C. S. RAY,  
A. T. SIMS.

After remarks by L. C. Coulson, the report was adopted.

45. The report on Woman's Work was read by F. S. Moody, as follows:

The Committee on Woman's Work reports as follows,

The appointment of a committee on this subject would seem to indicate an opinion on the part of the Baptists of Alabama that woman's work needed to be contradistinguished from man's work, or else that the power, and usefulness of woman had been overlooked by the church and needed now to be brought into greater prominence.

As a general proposition it may be said that woman's work in the church is the same as that of man, except where it is limited by the Bible, or by restrictions imposed by her sex. These limitations are few in number. She is enjoined not to speak out in meeting, and as she is commanded to be subject to her husband, we may presume that in ordinary cases she is not expected to antagonize that person by her vote, or to take the reins of government, either church or State, out of his hands. These limitations are so few in number, it follows that the scope of her work is but little less than man's. Instead, then, of asking what it is that woman can do, why not ask what it is that she cannot do? But probably this committee is expected to specify a little in the line of woman's usefulness.

1. We note that woman can *sing*. In our day and time it is a noticeable, if not a lamentable, fact that in some of our city churches, congregational singing has almost become a lost art. We prefer to sing by proxy. This plan is easier than the old fashioned way, and more satisfactory both to the languid people and to the æsthetic choir. But is there anything sweeter or more inspiring than a multitude of voices issuing from sentient, thoughtful, grateful human beings, as with one

acclaim they sing praises to Jehovah? Ministers who are looking about for means by which to draw a crowd, would find that an active and general participation in church music would form one of the most reliable sources of attraction, and be very helpful in producing in the congregation a devotional spirit. Now, your committee is of the opinion that our *women* can do very much to bring about conditions so desirable. If only the females were to sing, then at least one-half of the congregation would be performing their duty. That much would certainly be gained. But how could the other half, the men, resist an invitation from their lady friends to join them in the worship of song? If the women of a church want to work,—really want something to do—let them take their hymn-books to church, and when the hymn is announced, let them open their mouths and sing aloud.

2. Benevolence is one of the characteristics of Christianity. Your committee is of the opinion that sufficient stress is not laid on this subject. Is it not true that in this respect the Masons, the Odd-Fellows, and other merely human institutions sometimes lead where they ought to follow? Religion—true religion—is intensely practical. Has not the church, by its dereliction in benevolence, permitted other institutions to take from it some of the power and influence to which it is entitled? But with the calls for help that ought to be heeded, come others that should be only partially supplied or not at all. The collection of alms and their proper distribution require so much labor that a judicious and energetic committee for that object should be organized in every church, and on such a committee woman can be of invaluable service. Her patience, her gentleness, her sympathy, her faith and zeal peculiarly fit her for such a work. Who, better than she, can visit the sick and charm away pain? Who, better than she, can administer alms or comfort those in distress? Who, better than she, can cool the fevered brow, or point the dying man to a home in heaven?

3. In the decoration of the church building and the selection of furniture, woman's elegant taste and sound discretion can be utilized.

4. In mission work, the patient, steadfast zeal of woman sometimes outstrips that of man. And in temperance work our wives ever set us an example. They are more consistent than we. Were it proper for them to vote, they would never pray for prohibition on Sunday and on Monday vote with a party that expected to continue the liquor traffic.

5. But it is in the Sunday-school that woman shines with a peculiar brightness. Here meet the person and the place. Together they form an opportunity and a power. Woman's natural love of children; the care, patience and skill which she acquires in rearing her own offspring; her capacity to please and entertain the young; her consistency of character; her purity; her devotion, and her appreciation of spiritual truth,—all these preeminently fit her for doing noble work in the Sunday-school.

Your committee has not made the foregoing an exhaustive analysis of woman's work. But what we have said we ask that you will take as merely suggestive of what may be done in religious work by God's last, best gift to man.

FRANK S. MOODY, Chairman.

On motion of John W. Stewart, the following amendment was adopted, to-wit:—

We recommend, for the general good of our Redeemer's cause, and



for the encouragement of Baptist women throughout our State, that a Woman's Missionary Society be organized in every church; not to work independently of, and apart from the church, but to be under the auspices of the churches in which they are organized, all their contributions passing through the hands of the Treasurer of the church.

We recommend further, that a State Central Committee be appointed by this Convention, to co-operate with the Executive Committee, on Woman's Work, which is located in Baltimore. This central committee to be located at Birmingham, the officers to be Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, President; Mrs. M. D. Early, Talladega; Mrs. J. C. Bush, Mobile; and Mrs. Geo. B. Eager, Anniston, Vice-Presidents; Mrs. I. C. Brown, East Lake, Secretary; and Mrs. I. Y. Sage, Birmingham, Treasurer.

After remarks by D. W. Ramsey, R. A. J. Cumbie, M. D. Early, and J. T. Yerby, the report was adopted.

46. The report of Committee on Nominations was adopted as follows:

*Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.*—Jon. Haralson, W. C. Cleveland, T. H. Stout, J. D. Cook, B. J. Skinner, G. R. Furnham, B. H. Crumpton, T. W. Hart, H. S. D. Mallory, J. B. Lovelace, Geo. S. Anderson, E. F. Baber, L. L. Belsher, A. B. Johnston, W. S. Henderson, W. J. Elliott, S. W. Averett, J. A. Wynne, A. E. Burns, M. S. Stevens, John T. Davis, L. M. Bradley, J. H. Williamson, T. G. Bush, M. B. Wharton, H. W. Caffey, A. J. Waldrop, Wm. A. Davis, J. E. Chambliss, J. H. Curry, Samuel Henderson, John F. Purser, Z. D. Roby, G. A. Hornady, George E. Brewer, W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Shaffer, L. W. Lawler, J. W. Bishop, Abner Williams, J. C. Wright, Joseph Shackelford, D. I. Purser, R. H. Sterrett, F. S. Moody, B. F. Riley, L. G. Skipper, J. W. Stewart, Cat. Smith, E. B. Teague, G. T. Lee, W. L. Pickard, W. M. Blackwelder, D. M. Ramsey, J. J. Taylor, H. D. D. Stratton, J. H. Foster, Jr., A. P. Bush, M. D. Early, G. D. Staton, M. H. Lane, T. J. Law, T. W. Ayers, R. W. Beck, John A. Foster, J. A. Scott, J. C. Hiden, Geo. B. Eager, W. H. Smith, P. T. Hale.

(The remainder of the report appears on the second page of the cover—*Secretary*.)

47. The committee to whom was referred the suggestion in report of State Mission Board regarding establishment of a Bible and Colportage Board, offered the following resolution, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That the State Mission Board be authorized to appoint an assistant secretary with special reference to Bible and colportage work, and that the Convention instruct the Board as to the salary of said assistant.

The report was discussed by W. C. Cleveland, W. B.

Crumpton, J. B. Lovelace, M. B. Wharton, E. B. Teague, George B. Eager, and S. Henderson, and the Convention adjourned with the question pending.

### MONDAY AFTERNOON.

48. Consideration of pending question was resumed, and Z. D. Roby offered the following substitute, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Our Bible and Colportage work has increased so that the State Mission Board can no longer give it the attention its magnitude and importance deserve and demand; therefore

*Resolved*, 1. That this Convention appoint a Board to take charge of this department of work to be known as the Bible and Colportage Board.

2. That said Board be located in Opelika.

3. That said Board be composed of the following named brethren: W. E. Hudmon, President, W. E. Lloyd, G. A. Hornady, J. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe, J. A. Howard, Z. D. Roby, W. L. Hood and J. C. Condon.

4. That said Board be authorized to elect its own Secretary and Treasurer, and determine what salary shall be paid him.

5. That as soon as the Bible and Colportage Board shall have been organized, the State Mission Board shall transfer thereto whatever books, papers, tracts and money, properly belong to this department of our work.

After discussion by S. Henderson, W. B. Crumpton, B. H. Crumpton, W. C. Cleveland, J. P. Shaffer, E. B. Teague, and Z. D. Roby, the substitute was unanimously adopted after adding to Board name of Z. D. Roby.

49. On motion of W. C. Cleveland, the committee to prepare a programme for next session was directed to omit any for a Ministers' Meeting.

50. A motion directing same committee to omit appointment of speakers was lost.

51. The following communication was read, to-wit:

JUDSON INSTITUTE, MAWON, ALA., June 5th, 1889.

The Ann Hasseltine Society of the Judson Institute held its regular monthly meetings during the session just closed. The attendance upon these meetings was not so large as usual, and the contributions were correspondingly small; but an encouraging interest in missions was manifested—an interest that was well sustained from the first meeting in November to the last, held in May.

Besides the regular meetings, the members of the society met Sab-

bath after Sabbath, during the spring, for the purpose of reading together the life of Mrs. Ann H. Judson.

We have reason to hope for good results from this year's work of the society. The contributions were as follows: To the Pingtu Mission, China, \$9.05; To the church at Havana, Cuba, \$7.03.

SALLIE MARTIN, Secretary.

52. The following resolution, offered by T. W. Hart, was adopted by a rising vote, to-wit :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the citizens of Selma for their kind and generous hospitality to us during our stay in the city; also to the churches of the several denominations who have so generously extended the use of their pulpits to our members, and also to the various railroads that have granted us reduced rates.

### MONDAY NIGHT.

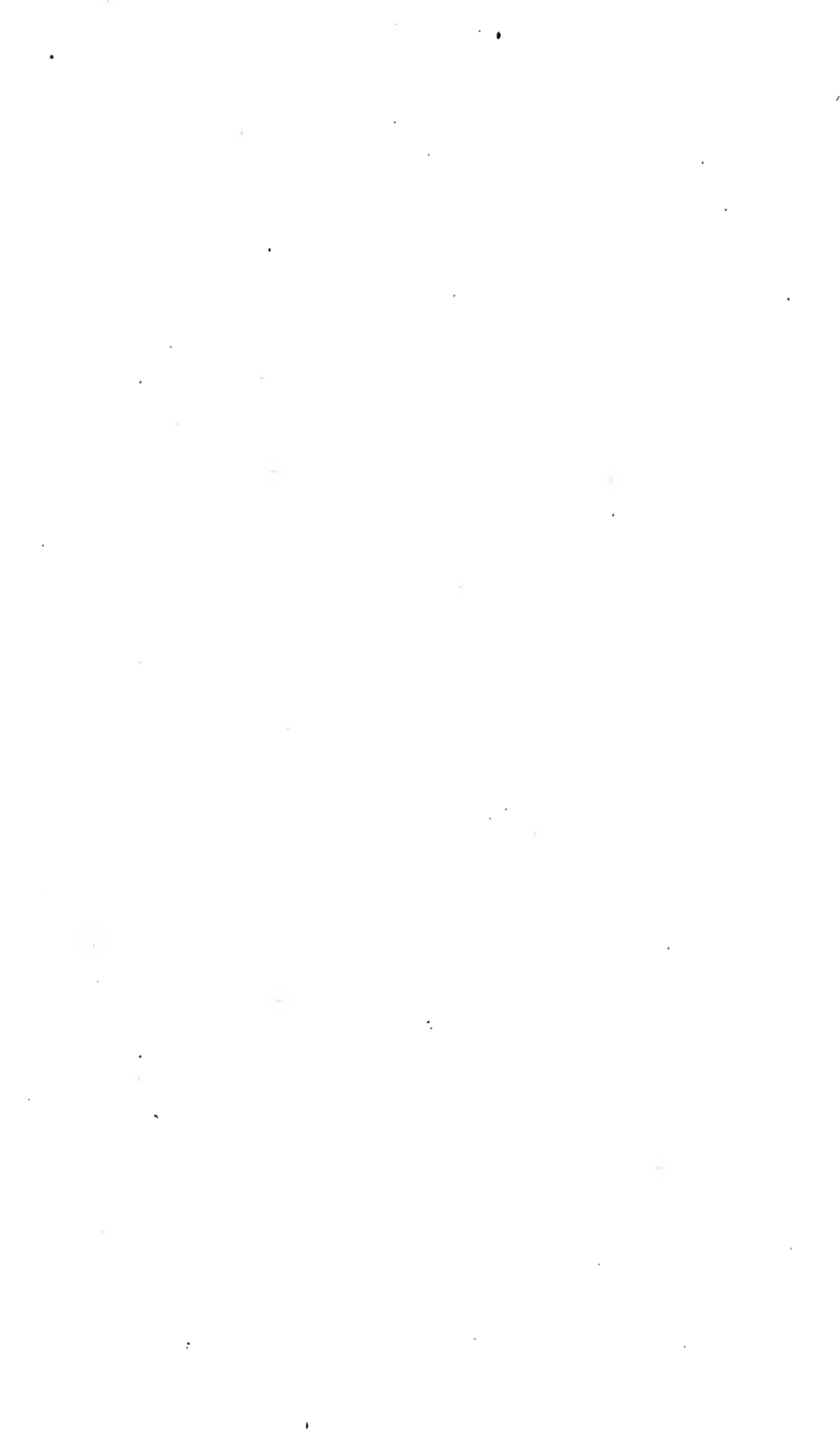
53. M. B. Wharton preached at night on subject of "Ananias and Sapphira."

54. George W. Ellis was elected Statistical Secretary.

55. After prayer by Z. D. Roby, the Convention adjourned to meet with St. Francis Street Church, Mobile, on Friday, November 7, 1890.

JON. HARALSON, President.

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